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Mr. Paul Bullis, Chairman
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Re: SRP's application to expand its Santan Generating Station in
the Town of Gilbert; Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting
Committee Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

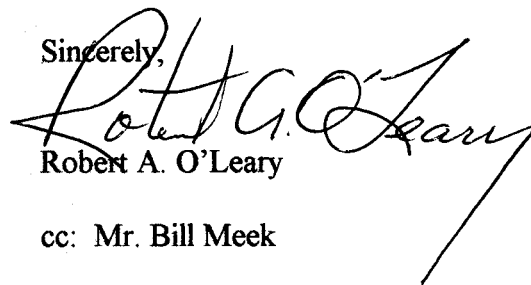
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As chairman of the 6,500-member Arizona Utility Investors
Association and one long involved in local power and water issues, I
am convinced that SRP's proposal to expand its Santan Generating
Station in Gilbert should be allowed to go forward as proposed.

The proposed construction of an 825-megawatt combined-cycle plant
at the existing Santan facility is needed to provide a reliable power
supply and maintain voltage control in SRP's rapidly growing east
Valley service territory.

The plant's technology and aesthetic treatments developed jointly by a
Gilbert citizens group and SRP will ensure that surrounding
neighborhoods are not harmed. Additionally, approval of the Santan
Expansion Project will send a message to utility investors that Arizona
knows how to balance its energy and environmental needs, and is not
about to repeat the mistakes that have driven California into political
turmoil over inadequate electricity supplies.

Sincerely,


Robert A. O'Leary

cc: Mr. Bill Meek

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